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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from the Lieberose Troop Training Grounds

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 7 August to 4 September 1953

DATE OBTAINED 25X1A 24 September 1953

REFERENCES sketch with legend

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REMARKS

25X1X

- 25X1X ☐ 1. Troops and materiel detrained in Lieberose between 12 and 14 August 1953 25X1B included:
- 25X1B 12 T-34/85 tanks, 12 x 122-mm howitzers, 15 trucks and 12 boxcarloads of troops and equipment on 12 August;
- 25X1B 8 T-34/85 tanks, 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers, 25X1B 8 trucks, and 10 boxcarloads of troops and equipment on 13 August;
- 25X1B about 8 to 10 tanks and 12 to 15 trucks, occupied by troops, at about 3 p.m. on 14 August; and 12 tanks, about 20 trucks, 25X1 and 12 boxcarloads of troops at about 11 p.m. on 14 August. All shipments had arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. 1
- 25X1B 2. On 4 September, about 800 workers were employed at the barracks installations, which were under construction east of Drachhausen. Work was to be performed in two shifts, beginning the following week. On 3 August, 10 new trucks, which were to replace the 15 trucks previously employed there and arrived 25X1 from Wuensdorf. Between 10 August and 4 September, a large box containing electrical equipment for the buildings under construction was detrained at the Peitz railroad station. The box had arrived from the direction of Dresden-Radebeul 25X1B
- 25X1B 3. Workers stated that, on 4 September, Camp Forst Tauer was occupied by about 8,000 troops. Construction work was still under way. 25X1
- 25X1X ☐ 4. On 2 September, a column of two-man armored scout cars 25X1 and numerous trucks, including 20 towing mortars and about 15 towing guns, which were T guns, passed through Beeskow, coming from the 25X1

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direction of [redacted] and proceeding toward Trebatsch-Luebben.

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5. [redacted] a large barracks installation was under construction in the Peitz Forest, about 2 kilometers north of Drachhausen and about 300 meters west of the Beeskow-Peitz road.

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6. On 14 August, an exercise of a combined-arms unit, including tanks, artillery and infantry, started at the firing range about 3.5 kilometers southeast of Lieberose. The jump-off positions of the units involved were near the road bend, 3.5 kilometers southeast of Lieberose. At about 6:20 p.m., [redacted] several senior artillery officers and officers of the armored command, arrived at these positions. Beginning at 5 a.m. on 15 August, firing of artillery and tanks was heard in the training area. On 26 August, neither firing practices nor any other training was observed in the Jamnitz-Staakow-Leeskow training area. A column of about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 3 mortars and 4 light machine guns was seen on the Leeskow-Staakow road, coming from the direction of the training area. On 26 August, the field bakery at Jamnitz, as well as the troop camp on Schwansee (lake), north of the Jamnitz-Staakow road, were still unoccupied.

7. At about 6 p.m. on 7 August, 15 guns, [redacted] were 152-mm gun howitzers, and 15 trucks were loaded on 15 flatcars; 4 x 300-mm rocket launchers on 4 flatcars, 3 trucks on 3 flatcars, and an undetermined number of troops on 3 boxcars and coaches at the Peitz railroad station. The shipment left toward Frankfurt/Oder.

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] these shipments passing through Muellrose. [redacted] Information contained in paragraph 6 tends to indicate that the movements were made in connection with the exercises southeast of Lieberose, which started on 14 August. The units are rather safely believed to have returned to Frankfurt/Oder on 23 August.

[redacted] This observation accounts for the light occupation of the Jamnitz area on 26 August, [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Beginning in May 1953, [redacted] the barracks installations under construction in the Drachhausen area. The attached sketch, scale 1:25,000, made on the basis of the information [redacted] of the present report, tends to indicate that two different installations were under construction, one north and one east of Drachhausen. For details, see Legend of the sketch. [redacted]

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Legend:

N Barracks installation north of Drachhausen

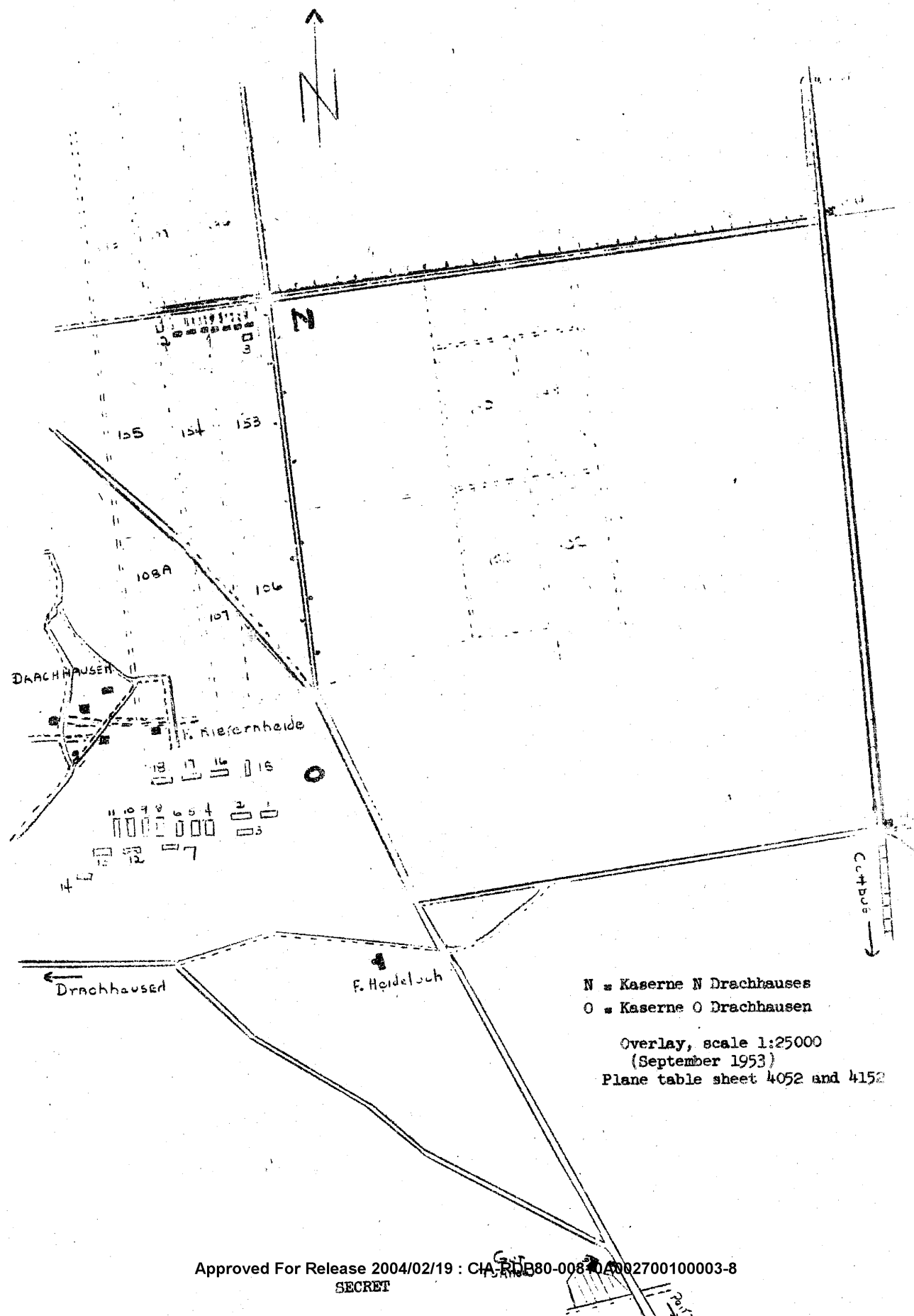
- 1 24 two story billets, each about 60 x 10 meters, with 21 windows in front and three windows on the side.
- 2 guard tent
- 3 tent, 20 x 10 meters
- 4 field railway

O Barracks installation east of Drachhausen

- 1 guardhouse
- 2 headquarters building
- 3 transformer station
- 4-7 two-story EM quarters
- 8-11 two-story officers' billets
- 12 mess and kitchen building
- 13 dispensary
- 14 showers
- 15 workshop, 80 meters long.
- 16-18 garages, each 40 meters long, with concrete base and wooden superstructure

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